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The project to establish a "New Africa Party", as a possible successor to the Zikist Movement discussed in despatch No. 200 of April 29, 1950, has been advanced another step under the auspices of Zik (Dr. the Honourable Nnamdi AZIKIWE, Second Lagos Member in the Nigerian Legislative Council, Federal President of the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons and head of the Zik Press). His Lagos Nationalist West African Pilot has published in four recent issues an announcement by a Jaja Anucha WACHUKU, a Nigerian mentioned in despatch No. 200 of April 29th, of the program of the New Africa Party and also has published so far two editorials on the subject.

Certain points from the New Africa Party's announcement are particularly worth noting:

1. According to founder Wachuku, "'The New Africa Party' is a political party or a political organisation on the same line as the Labour, Liberal, Communist or Conservative parties in England, or the Democratic (sic) Republican parties in the United States.

"Its first and most important aims (sic) in this country is to capture and control the Government of Nigeria, even now, for the purpose of carrying out its ultimate objective which is pan-Africanism, that is the re-integration, or unification of all peoples of Africa and of African descent all over the world.

"Therefore its main political objective is to rule the country."

2. The Party announcement states that "membership is open to all men and women of African descent, rich or poor, literate or illiterate, so long as each person can comply with the conditions of membership by (a) paying 2/6d enrolment fee; (b) paying 1/- membership card fee; and (c) paying 6/- per year (that is six pence a month) membership subscription."

3. The Party proposes a broad (almost all-inclusive) program for political, economic and moral action, including some economic schemes for the creation of vast corporations which look very well on paper but naturally are highly

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speculative since they are based on projects to cost hundreds of thousands of pounds to be raised by party members.

4. In the political field, the Party program is much more specific because it says that "the party does not intend to confine itself to passing resolutions or making newspaper declarations.

"It intends from the very beginning to stand for elections into every council that exercises political power or control however small that power or control may be.

"It will encourage its members wherever they may be to take part in the political life of their respective communities whether in the village, towns, groups, clans, districts, divisions, or provinces.

"The party believes that it is by controlling the village councils, town councils, group councils, clan councils, district councils, divisional councils and provincial councils, that under the present and existing alien regime can it control the present Regional Houses of Assembly and so ultimately the Legislative Council."

The Pilot's two editorials supporting the Party program are brief and are worth quoting:

West African Pilot, November 21, 1950:

"The New Africa Party

"We publish toda, the second instalment of the article, 'Pan-Africanism: The Only Way...' which is an introduction of the New Africa Party to all sons and daughters of Africa everywhere by Mr. Jaja Anucha Wachuku, M.A.,LL.B., its founder and leader.

"Since the birth of the organisation was announced sometime ago many well meaning people have been asking why the founder should not just get into existing bodies and put over his new ideas and revive them if they are lethargic. They fear that Nigeria is being over-organised.

"We can understand the reaction of a unity-thirsty people menaced daily by numerous recalcitrant organisations of mediocres, but we must point out that there is nothing bad in forming new bodies if only they are not querulous. The fight for Nigerian freedom demands that all hands must be on deck.

"But it is impossible to get all hands on the deck

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through one party, hence the formation of new bodies cannot be ruled out. Thus we would commend the New Africa Party to all the youths if only to have every one grouped into one fighting squad or the other."

West African Pilot, November 23, 1950:

"Mobilising The Village Population

"Since the nation was cursed with the electoral college method of electing people into both the Legislative Council and the Regional Houses of Assembly under the Foot-Macpherson constitution which will soon come into force the problem has been how to keep the native venals of oppression far and away from the portals of those Legislative chambers.

"To do this successfully demands that the professional stooges must be 'way-laid' and halted before they get to the door of any village council. That is to say, the villagers must be organised and made not to vote for any Uncle Tom by educating them to understand the grand alliance that lies between the stool pigeons and oppression.

"But unfortunately it has not occurred to many of our nationalist political parties excepting perhaps the NCNC and the now outlawed Zikist Movement that we shall be nearer to freedom the moment our political agitations shift from the urban to the rural areas.

"When therefore the leader of the New Africa Party stresses that they intend to 'capture power' by contesting elections into the village councils and at all levels, we are constrained to admit that the party has a good idea. To the villages therefore we send the New Africa Party with our goodwill to do the all important job of mobilising the peasants for the freedom fight."

A separate classified despatch on this subject is being submitted, and there is enclosed a copy of the article (which was published in four daily sections).

Willard Quincy Stanton
American Consul General

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Enclosure:
Copy of article on New Africa Party.

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Enclosure to Despatch No. 345 dated November 24, 1950 from the American Consulate General, Lagos, Nigeria.

West African Pilot, November 20, 1950

PAN-AFRICANISM: THE ONLY WAY TO AFRICA'S FREEDOM

Dissatisfied with the present slave status of Africa and eager, like many a Nigerian nationalist, to overhaul the present system and bring about a new social order in which the African shall be a man and not half a man, Mr. J. Anucha Wachuku, M.A., LL.B., has formed the New Africa Party.

In the following article which is an introduction of the new political party to everyone of African descent, Mr. Wachuku, its founder and leader, believes that pan-Africanism is the only way to freedom for the peoples of Africa:

My dear brother/sister African: You may be surprised to receive this letter from me with an address "The New Africa Party."

It may well be that you have not heard of "The New Africa Party" before, or you may have heard or read of it in the issue of the West African Pilot of April 25, 1950, but do not quite understand what the party is about.

Never mind, for you cannot be blamed for not understanding a subject immediately you hear or read about it.

The human mind requires some time to take in and assimilate whatever may be brought to its notice.

I am sure the question you will ask yourself is, "What is The New Africa Party"?

Let me answer it for you at once.

WHAT IT IS

"The New Africa Party" is a political party or a political organisation on the same line as the Labour, Liberal, Communist or Conservative parties in England, or the Democratic Republican parties in the United States.

Its first and most important aims in this country is to capture and control the Government of Nigeria, even now, for the purpose of carrying out its ultimate objective which is pan-Africanism, that is the re-integration, or unification of all peoples of Africa and of African descent all over the world.

Therefore its main political objective is to rule the country.

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NO NOISE MAKING

The party does not intend to confine itself to passing resolutions or making newspaper declarations.

It intends from the very beginning to stand for elections into every council that exercises political power or control however small that power or control may be.

It will encourage its members wherever they may be to take part in the political life of their respective communities whether in the village, towns, groups, clans, districts, divisions, or provinces.

The party believes that it is by controlling the village councils, town councils, group councils, clan councils, district councils, divisional councils and provincial councils, that under the present and existing alien regime can it control the present Regional Houses of Assembly and so ultimately the Legislative Council.

WIN COUNCIL SEATS

It is therefore the plan of the party that if possible all seats in these councils should be won and held by our nationalist forces.

In consequence of its political objective in Nigeria, the party does not discriminate in its membership.

Membership is open to all men and women of African descent, rich or poor, literate or illiterate, so long as each person can comply with the conditions of membership by:

(a) Paying 2/6 enrolment fee; (b) paying 1/- membership card fee; and (c) paying 6/- per year (that is six pence a month) membership subscription.

The sum of 2/6 for enrolment is payable only once for life so long as the member remains member of the party and does not lose that membership.

MASS MOVEMENT

The sum of one shilling for card fee is paid for membership card which is designed to last each member for at least five years before a new one is issued again.

Of course the only regular and recurrent payment a member will be required to make to the party is his subscription of 6/- every year for the purposes of building up the funds of the party, for as you know we cannot do politics on empty stomach.

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By throwing membership of the party open to all members of the community and to all peoples of African descent it is the intention of the party to create such a mass political movement in Nigeria that no alien forces can attempt to trample it underfoot without serious danger to itself.

THE PARTY'S FAITH

Apart from this purely political objective, the party has its educational, economic, social, and cultural programmes for the nation and we firmly believe that we can carry this through if you give us your co-operation.

However I will explain this later, but let me tell you of the faith which has impelled me to found this party now.

I know that you and I, as Africans or persons of African descent, believe in God.

I have never come across any African who does not believe in God.

Consequently viewing the various alien forces that are striving to swallow up the soul of Africa and the African, I have thought it necessary that we must reaffirm our faith in our God and his purpose for us and our race.

I see no wrong in reaffirming this faith.

FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS

Therefore I am sure you will agree with me in holding these as true:

(1) That there is a God - the God of the world and of Africa - the Creator of all mankind and the African.

(2) That this infinite and all knowing God in His infinite wisdom, directly and indirectly placed the different races of mankind within their respective environments; Europeans on the European continent, Asians on the Asiatic continent, Americans on the American continent, and Africans on the African continent.

(3) That each of the races of mankind has been created for some purpose and endowed with certain definite gifts or qualities, to fulfil a definite destiny which no other race can fulfil for it.

NEGRO RACES

(4) That the Negro race is created equal with the other races of mankind and endowed with its own peculiar gifts or

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qualities for the purpose of fulfilling its destiny in this world.

(5) That until the Negro race has fulfilled its destiny in this world as ordained by its creator and not as planned by its alien rulers or other races, the Negro shall not perish or die.

(6) That the destiny of a race cannot be determined or fulfilled for it by another race that is differently endowed.

IT IS UNGODLY

(7) That no one race has any divine mission to rule another race, and consequently it is wrong, it is unholy, it is ungodly for one race of people to impose its will on another race merely by virtue of the physical force or forces it can amass for that purpose, or by pure brutality - the lowest form of savagery to which mankind is capable of descending.

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West African Pilot, November 21, 1950

PAN AFRICANISM: THE ONLY WAY TO AFRICA'S FREEDOM

Yesterday, in the first instalment of this article, the author, Mr. Jaja Wachuku, defined what the New Africa Party is and emphasised that the party will not confine itself to passing of resolutions or making newspaper declarations. In this second instalment he declares the faith of the new body.

Read on:

(8) That the present sorrow, suffering, repression, subjugation, humiliation of, and violence on, the Negro race are indirect means whereby the Divine Creator has chosen to teach the Negro race to arouse itself in order to fulfil its destiny.

UNWAVERING FAITH

(9) Consequently the New Africa Party has an unshakeable and unwavering faith in God, in the Negro race, and in the ability of the Negro race to fulfil its destiny: political, economic, social, cultural, spiritual, educational, etc.

(10) Hence every member of the New Africa Party must owe allegiance to God, the God of Africa and the world and all mankind, allegiance to the Negro race, allegiance to his country and believe in the destiny of the Negro race.

He must be loyal and obedient to his Government and lawfully established authority, and to his leadership.

OUR MOTTO

Every member of the New Africa Party must have as a motto: "One God, one race, one destiny;" for as Professor Ross said: "A people that has no more respect for its ancestors and no more pride of race deserves the extinction that surely awaits it."

So far I have told you what the party is, its political objective and the faith that impelled its foundation.

Earlier on I told you that apart from the political, the party has its educational, economic, social, and cultural programmes for the nation.

I told you that it is our ambition to create mass political movement in this party and that if you will only give me and the party your co-operation we can carry our programme through.

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CATCH POWER NOW

We must capture the machinery of power now.

I have already told you that the first and foremost objective of the party is political, and that is to control the Government of our country now.

We must capture the machinery of power in our country now.

Unless the legislative and executive powers are in our hands, all other programmes we may have, however good and admirable, however noble they may be, can never come to full realisation, for the very simple reason that these other programmes are designed for the benefit of our people and will cut across the interest of the alien Government of our country whose primary concern is to insure that our resources are exploited for the benefit of Great Britain and her people first, and the Nigerian and the African last.

CONTEST ELECTIONS

Therefore the New Africa Party will contest elections into the village, town, group, clan, district, divisional and provincial councils, as necessary steps to election to the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council of Nigeria.

The party believes that if it is in a position to control the various Houses of Assembly, then it must automatically control the Legislative Council, and if it can control the Legislative Council, then, the self-government that we are clamouring for will be a reality.

No law which it does not approve can pass the Legislature.

The New Africa Party hopes by this method to make it impossible for non-nationalists to have control over our legislative and executive organs of Government and so reduce us to a state of perpetual slavery.

EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Day in and day out, whenever we ask that certain improvements either in our social, economic, political or cultural state should be made, we are told that we have not the qualified men to bring about the desired reforms, and yet very little is done to produce these men.

Therefore one of the first duties of the party will be to produce the men and women in the first ten years of the life of the party who will man the machinery of our political, economic, social and other actions.

We hope to do this by instituting annual overseas, local and

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other scholarships for deserving members of the party or the children of members of the New Africa Party, or for deserving Africans of merit.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

It is also our educational plan to give full financial and other support to all African owned and run schools, technical colleges and institutions, to do all that is within the powers of the party to bring about free and universal compulsory education.

This we hope to do by first offering to pay school fees and other such incidental expenses for deserving members of our party who may be of school or college age, giving grant in aid to African schools and above all, building and equiping schools and finally founding universities with the fund raised and provided by the party.

ECONOMIC PROGRAMME

Economically, our country, Nigeria, is essentially an agricultural country.

The principal industry is agriculture and all associated with agriculture.

Mining industry comes next to our mind.

In our economic programme we have in mind at all time that the greatest asset of Nigeria is her land and the immense resources drawn from the land.

Our first and foremost concern in the development of any form of industry in Nigeria must be with the preservation, cultivation, and improvement of the land.

It is our intention to guard jealously our land as the most precious, and priceless jewel on the crown of our future development.

We are bent to make sure that African in this country is not dispossessed of his land.

For if we for the sake of money should allow our land to be alienated to foreigners or members of other races, then we must be prepared to suffer the same fate as the African in South Africa and Kenya.

In South Africa two and a half million Europeans today rule about ten million Africans because they succeeded in dispossessing the African of his land.

Then they put him into reserve, tax him heavily to force him to work for the European in firms and mines and then deprive him

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of all political, social and other rights which are the legitimate and lawful claims of all human beings all over other parts of the world.

This same South African policy has been extended to Kenya and the Rhodesias.

In this country, and in West Africa, the New Africa Party will guard against any attempt to introduce such measures in whatever guise.

The land policy of the party is to preserve the communal individualistic ownership of land and to oppose alienation of African lands to members of other races.

We shall be opposed to absentee landlordism in our country.

Land may be leased to aliens but never sold outright to them.

Those that have already been sold must be reclaimed by the party and converted to public or to African ownership.

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West African Pilot, November 22, 1950

PAN-AFRICANISM: THE ONLY WAY TO FREEDOM FOR THE AFRICANS

BY JAJA ANUCHA WACHUKU, Barrister-at-Law

The second instalment of this article yesterday declared the motto of the party and stated that the New Africa Party will contest elections at all levels - village, town, group, clan, district, divisional and provincial - in order to keep the native venals out of the portals of the Legislative Council and the Houses of Assembly.

In this third instalment Mr. Wachuku explains the party's attitude towards religion:

It will be the duty of the party to devise a means whereby our African land could be used to the greatest advantage of the African without creating a violent breach between our traditional way of life thus creating an economic and social chaos in our country.

We hope to industrialise the country as quickly as possible, basing our industrial development first on the resources available in the country.

In this respect it is the plan of the party to take into careful consideration the location of the various resources of the country and to plan the establishment of industries in such a way that the industrial life of the country is not concentrated at one or two centres.

ONE-MAN BUSINESS

Industrial decentralisation, and location of any particular industry where resources and raw materials for such industry are easily available will be the policy of the party.

The party also intends to encourage our business men and women to forgo the idea of "one man business" which is the universal practice now and to found combines, companies and partnerships in business.

This will enable African men and women to utilise to the full the meagre capital that they have now in their possession as individual traders or business men.

By pooling their individual financial resources what would individually have been very small, when pooled, naturally can become a huge capital for great industrial and commercial projects.

ONE MILLION POUNDS

For example, if through the encouragement and agency of the

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party, say a million Africans can subscribe one pound (£1) each for the purpose of creating a company for business purposes the large capital of one million pounds (£1,000,000) can be raised.

With this large sum if a company is established to run a business it would do more things in a large scale than one man with his one pound or a hundred pounds or even his one thousand pounds, doing one man business.

It cannot be said that a sacrifice of £1 (one pound) each is too much on the part of an African who believes in the future of his country and race, and the ability of that country or race to live and perpetuate its kind and culture.

Apart from encouraging our people to get together to form companies and combines, it is the intention of the party to lead the way by launching an economic project or projects with the fund at its disposal.

Culturally the party aims at establishing a bureau of research, manned by best available African brains.

The aim of the bureau will be to make researches into our history, traditions, customs, laws, religion, music and art.

To create for the country sound literature based on our history and our heritage.

Such bureau will serve as the party's brain, the party intellectual manufacturing house.

From the research bureau the party will be able to produce a number of publications which would serve it as guide in working out its policies and its many plans.

POWERFUL ORGAN

In this connection the party aims at establishing a printing and publishing press for the purpose of producing literature.

It also will establish a strong and powerful organ of public opinion.

That is, it will own a newspaper of its own which will be the organ of its political expression.

The press will be jointly owned by the members of the party as individuals and the party as a single unit and by such individual persons who may have sympathy with the aim and objectives of the party and wish to buy shares of the newspaper.

By owning a newspaper of its own the party will not be at the mercy of any newspaper proprietor when it sets out to launch its

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various campaigns to achieve its political, educational, economic, social and other objectives.

CREATING PRESS FUND

This press by being jointly owned by the party and such individual members who would subscribe to its shares whereby there should be enough capital available to have a first class press, should be capable of printing and publishing first class books and literature and a newspaper for the elevation of the intellectual, cultural, social, spiritual and moral tone of the country.

In this connection I must say that the party has decided from the onset to create a press fund.

Each share is five pounds (£5) and any interested member of the party can take one or more shares.

By establishing this press and newspaper, and by having a balanced idea of the day to day life of our people, the party would be in a position to make a balanced plan for the future of our country.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

In short, we of the New Africa Party intend to establish a newspaper of mass-ownership.

A newspaper which will have as its primary consideration service to our people in every aspect of our national life, and profit motive as secondary.

An organ of this nature I am sure will have a balancing and stabilising effect in the present turbulent and unstable state of this country.

The party will establish clubs, libraries, and places of amusement for its members and the community at large.

It will encourage and revive our social and cultural activities, by reviving our national dances, wrestling contests, moonlight plays and all such aspects of African life which in the past made for community fellowship.

Above all, the party believes in the preservation of African life, and as one of its major social services it will establish hospitals and clinics, maternity homes and dispensaries as soon as fund is available.

By saving African lives and helping to bring more Africans into being we will have the man power and woman power to be able to fulfil our racial destiny in the present world of uncertainties.

As I said at the beginning of this letter our party believes in the existence of God our Creator.

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The God of Love and Goodness who detests evil in every form, and who has a definite plan for our race.

NEGRO BELIEFS

Consequently all our plans would be incomplete without a place for our God.

From the first to the last it is my determination that no hinderance, and no obstacle must be placed in the way to prevent spiritual and moral forces from having full play and influence on all the activities of the party.

No amount of material achievement can satisfy the spiritual yearning of the Negro race.

We of the Negro race believe in justice, the justice of our divine creator.

We believe in the love and goodness of our maker.

We give expression to these our beliefs in our music, art, cultural and social life, as seen in the morals and conducts of our village communities.

WHY NEGROES SURVIVE

I am convinced that the day the African forgets his God and plans without his Divine Creator he lays the foundation of his future doom.

The Negro has survived where he has set his feet in the midst of tribulation, hardship and suffering because at all times he has clung to his maker.

Consequently members of the New Africa Party believing in these things are bound to be tolerant to all religious forces but the party must be firm to make certain that any form of religious intolerance which would create disruption in our party is checked.

It is not the form of worship or religious expression that matters to the party, it is the substance, teaching and practice of any particular religion that matters.

ANTI-BIGOTRY

The New Africa Party will allow any religious organisation to have full play on its membership, be it Christian, Muslim or what not.

The party will be amenable to that religion with the best religious tenets and best practice of such religious tenets.

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There will be no room for religious bigotry or religious hypocrisy in the party.

The party will allow all religious bodies to vie to influence the party's policy, and may the religion with the best tenets and practice win.

I have stressed these things because I know that the African is deeply religious and spiritual and without his God he dies, for he will have no basis for his morals and a society without spiritual grounding or without morals, is a society built on sand.

OUR METHODS

Thus far I have explained to you the aim and objectives and the plans of the party in a nutshell.

It is not my purpose to go into the details of the party's programme here.

I am sure there is one question you are now asking.

That question is this: "How do you intend to achieve these objectives?"

How can you finance this whole scheme?

How on earth do you hope to implement this grand plan?

I will answer your question.

This to me is quite simple.

You may remember that it was on October 8, 1947 that I returned to this country from Europe.

Ever since these three years, I have been involved in the political life of Nigeria.

Within these three years I have been able to come to a definite conclusion as to the line of a healthy development of our country.

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West African Pilot, November 23, 1950

PAN-AFRICANISM: THE ONLY WAY TO FREEDOM FOR THE AFRICANS

BY JAJA ANUCHA WACHUKU, Barrister-at-Law

The third portion of this letter of introduction yesterday mentioned the intention of the New Africa Party to have a strong organ for propagating its aims and objects as well as it explained the party's attitude towards religion.

In this fourth and concluding instalment the colours of the party's flag are explained.

Read on:

THREE ESSENTIALS

To my mind in order to develop our country along all lines healthily, at least three things are necessary:

(1) KNOWLEDGE: We require knowledge: the knowledge of what we want; of what we have and have not; why we have or have not that thing; knowledge of how to put what we have to our best advantage; knowledge of how to secure and preserve that which we have not; knowledge of where we can get what we have not and which we stand in need of.

In short we require the knowledge of the sources of our strength and weakness.

We require this knowledge of all the problems that we have to face and solve if we must progress in the present world society, and to be able to plan intelligently and honestly for our present and future development.

VERY IMPORTANT

This is very important for an ignorant person cannot plan for an intelligent community.

(2) ORGANISATION: By this I mean that for our proper development we require a strong organisation, a machinery of action by which we can harness our knowledge and implement and execute our decisions.

(3) FINANCE: We require finance to be able to carry out any plan we may design.

We cannot implement any plan in present day society without the money to be able to pay for those plans.

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It is for this reason that any Government and any organisation must, if it means to fulfil its purpose must have a strong financial foundation.

For without this all plans and all schemes however noble and however grandiose will never be implemented.

They will ever live in the realm of ideas, and mere dreams never to be practicalised.

Therefore without these three things the New Africa Party is bound to fail.

IN THE PAST

In the past and even at present our people have developed the idea that they can get something for nothing.

They seem to believe that there is a fairy godmother to whom they would appeal at all times and she would produce all their needs and desires.

In the New Africa Party we intend to disabuse the minds of our people and teach them that in our world today you cannot get anything for nothing - he who wants something must work for it - sacrifice for it and achieve it by sheer hard work.

The path to our racial self-realisation is full of so much ups and downs that we cannot afford to hope for a better future without hard work.

YOU MUST ENROL

For this reason the New Africa Party requires that any person intending to become a member must enrol his name by paying the small sum of two shillings and sixpence.

I believe that this amount is within the reach of the majority of our people.

This is designed to create initial fund for the party.

An intending member must also secure the membership card which is designed to last for five years, for only the sum of one shilling.

And finally every member is expected to pay monthly subscription of sixpence, i.e. six shillings a year to the fund of the party.

As you can see and I am sure you will agree with me these sums are within the reach of the vast majority of our people.

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ASK YOURSELF

Just ask yourself this question:

Is the sum of two shillings and sixpence not the price of one bottle of beer?

And yet two shillings and sixpence is membership enrolment fee for life.

Is one shilling not the price of eight cigarettes?

How many do I smoke a day?

And yet this is the price of membership card to last me for at least five years!

Is the sum of sixpence a month not the price of the lowest cinema seat for one night?

And how many times do I go to cinema paying as much as two shillings and sixpence; one shilling; sixpence; per night.

If you agree with my argument you will also agree with me that the New Africa Party is not asking too much from you in order to work out its programme.

Now, you see that these respective sums are very small in themselves but when subscribed by a large number of our people we can expect quite a large sum therefrom.

OUR INITIAL TARGET

To be able to finance and implement the plans of the New Africa Party, we have for our target to begin with a membership of one million people out of the thirty million people of Nigeria and out of about 200,000,000 peoples of African descent all over the world.

In our calculation we estimate that: 1,000,000 people at two shillings and sixpence amounts to £125,000.

One million people at six shillings per annum give £300,000.

One million people at one shilling equals to £50,000.

Grand total comes to £475,000

I AM CONFIDENT

Now you can see, if we can but secure one million people of our race who are willing to make these small sacrifices the New Africa Party could raise the sum of £475,000 and so be able to start some of its projects.

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For I am confident and certain that immediately we are able to demonstrate to our people that greater things can be achieved from these small sacrifices instead of a membership of one million people the New Africa Party will be counting on the membership of several millions.

When this happens the income of the party will also vary accordingly.

Therefore, if you agree with these things, if you have faith in your race, if you believe that it is by our sweat, toil and our sacrifice that we can achieve our destiny, then join the New Africa Party and get others to join too, and within a period of say five years we shall be able to put into motion in this country a force which will revolutionise this country within a short time - in our life time.

You will notice that throughout this letter, I am not concerned with any personalities or any ideology.

I do not believe in assassination.

I do not believe in public and newspaper resolutions that cannot be implemented.

I do not believe in the hatred of any person or persons.

I have an infinite faith in our God, infinite faith in the ability of our race to rally itself round and sacrificing to achieve its destiny.

I believe that all members of the New Africa Party should be so consumed with love of our God, our country, our race, and imbued with the zeal, the intense fire of desire to achieve our destiny and contribute to the totality of world culture, that we shall not have any room in our hearts for the hatred of any other race or people.

FOR MY PART

For my part I believe definitely, that:

(a) God is on our side.
(b) Truth is on our side.
(c) Justice is on our side.

All that we require now is the organised will to survive and perpetuate our kind and culture; and to show our readiness to sacrifice to achieve our objective.

We of the New Africa Party seek a New Africa.

That New Africa of which Pliny wrote as follows: "Ex Africa Semper aliquid novi". ("There is always something new out of Africa").

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THE PARTY'S FLAG: With this idea I designed the party's flag containing the rising sun and the colours black, white and red.

COLOURS EXPLAINED

The black base symbolises black Africa - the mythical, the unknowable, the unfathomable, the inscrutable, the incomprehensible, the power that overwhelms.

Mix black with other colours and the black colour over-powers them and changes them.

The white symbolises peace - the New Africa Party is the party of peace and steadfastness.

The party hopes to achieve its objectives by a policy of "beyond the law through the law."

The red symbolises blood and sacrifice.

We hope to attain our objective by our own sacrifice not by the sacrifice of others.

If in the end, our effort to achieve our ultimate objective - Pan-Africanism - should require us to make the supreme sacrifice, then we shall not shirk our duty and we shall gladly do so, in order that the race may survive.

THE RISING SUN

The golden sun rising from the black symbolises the new hope of Africa as represented by the New Africa Party coming from the heart of Africa.

It is not dependent on any alien ideologies that are meaningless to the African but founded on the sound common sense of our common people and the simple knowledge that we are a distinct people with distinct culture and therefore with distinct destiny.

I hope that I have now made the aim and objectives quite clear.

I believe that with the co-operation of our people in these our simple plans and with your co-operation, we can and we must achieve our objective.

If you feel convinced that we should organise without delay to realise our racial destiny, then demonstrate your conviction by applying immediately, and getting others of your friends to apply to become members of the New Africa Party by writing to the Secretary, New Africa Party, 6, Milverton Avenue, Aba, Nigeria.

Thank you.

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